



CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
PLANNING, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Patricia D. Adauto, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Laura Uribarri, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Adrian Ocegueda, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

FROM: Rudy Valdez, Chief Urban Planner

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for **Meeting of June 2, 2004**

DATE: May 28, 2004

Attached for your review and information is copy of a resolution that authorizes the City Council to convey certain alley and street rights-of-way to the United States of America for construction of a new Federal Courthouse and that the City Council finds that the new construction will benefit the City of El Paso and is found to be adequate consideration for the City's interest in the right-of-way. This item is related to the vacation requests that are on the same City Council agenda. If you have any questions, please contact me at 541-4635.

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C: Lisa A. Elizondo, City Attorney; Terri Cullen-Garney, Assistant City Attorney; Matt Watson, Assistant City Attorney; Irene Ramirez, City Engineering;

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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the General Services Administration (hereinafter referred to as “GSA”) is in the process of completing steps necessary to design, construct, and occupy a proposed new federal courthouse (hereinafter referred to as “Courthouse”) within the El Paso downtown area; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing federal courthouse located at 511 E. San Antonio Avenue will continue to be used for office space for court-related agencies, bankruptcy courts, and other courtrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the GSA is acquiring lands within blocks 217 & 218, Campbell Addition, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, (hereinafter referred to as “Site”); and

**WHEREAS**, the GSA’s plans require the vacation of certain public street and alley rights-of-way within and along blocks 217 & 218, Campbell Addition, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution dated July 17, 2001, the City of El Paso concurs with the proposed project location and authorizes the Department of Planning, Research, & Development to coordinate project aspects as requested with GSA representatives and other City departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Local Government Code, §271.001.B provides that streets and alleys owned in fee or used by easement may be conveyed for less than fair market value to one or more abutting property owner who owns the underlying fee simple interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the GSA has stated that federal funding is proposed in the amount of \$11 million for site acquisition and design in FY 2002, construction funding in FY 2004, and completion in FY 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds that the proposed GSA use serves a paramount public purpose for the areas contemplated by this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Council finds that the economic benefit to the City of El Paso in terms of anticipated increased employment, contracts, and tax revenue, as a result of the federal expenditure of funds, is sufficient consideration for street and alley vacations necessary within and along blocks 217 & 218, Cambell Addition, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR  
THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the El Paso City Council determines that the conveyance of its interest in the streets and alleys to the United States of America with the understanding that such properties will be incorporated into the new federal courthouse site is a paramount public use of the property and that the expansion of the federal courthouse facilities will benefit the City of El Paso and is found to be adequate consideration for the City's interest in such rights-of-way.

**ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2004.**

THE CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

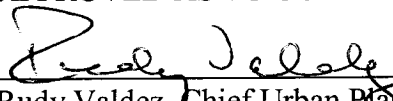
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Joe Wardy  
Mayor

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Matt Watson  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT

  
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